

REMARKS

The Office Action dated January 9, 2008 has been received and carefully studied.

The Examiner objects to claims 1, 2, 5, 9, 10, 12, 14 and 25 due to various informalities, and suggests corrections thereto. By the accompanying amendment, the informalities have been overcome either by amendment or by cancellation of the claim.

The Examiner rejects claims 16-18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner objects to the terms "use" and "using". By the accompanying amendment, claim 16 has been cancelled, and claims 17 and 18 have been amended to eliminate the language objected to.

Also by the accompanying amendment, improper multiple dependencies have been eliminated.

The Examiner rejects claims 1-28 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) as being anticipated by EP 0418792. The Examiner states that EP '792 teaches an ink composition comprising water, an organic solvent and 0.1-20 parts by weight of one or more phthalocyanine compounds of the formula (II) which are formulas claimed in the instant claims.

Claim 1 has been amended by further defining the colorant. Support for the combination of Y and Z in claim 1 can be found on page 26, line 26 to page 27, line 2 of the

instant specification. Support for the definition of "A" in claim 1 can be found on page 24, lines 18-19 of the specification, and support for the specified derivatives of 4-sulfophthalic acid in claim 9 can be found on page 45, lines 14-18 of the specification.

Formula (II) of EP '792 includes the present Formula (1). However, EP '792 does not specifically disclose or suggest the compound of the present Formula (1) having the groups of Formula (2) and Formula (3) at a specific position (β -substitution) and having a specific combination of Y and Z (one is an amino or a C1-C6 alkylamino group substituted with a sulfonic acid group or a carboxyl group and the other is a phenylamino group or a naphthylamino group substituted with a sulfonic acid group or a carboxyl group).

Although EP '792 specifically discloses the compounds of formula (II) such as Nos. 1-11 and 14-27, these specified compounds do not have the specific combination of the present Y and Z of formula (1) and do not specify the substitution position of both groups $-(SO_2NH_2)_b$ and $-[SO_2NH-(CH_2)_1-NH-triazine(Y)-NH-phenyl(SO_3M)_d(NHR_8)_e]_c$. Accordingly, the present Formula (1) does not include these compounds specified by EP '792, and is not anticipated thereby.

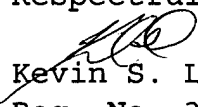
With particular reference to claim 25, although Formula (14) recited therein does not specify the substitution

position of the groups of formula (2) and (3), the content of β -substitution is limited to not less than 60%. EP '792 does not disclose the content of β -substitution and specifically the compound of the present Formula (14) having the specific combination of Y and Z.

Thus, EP '792 does not suggest the present Formula (1) having β -substitution and having the specific substitution with the specific combination of Y and Z. In addition, the compound of the present Formula (1) has excellent hue, excellent light fastness, excellent ozone fastness and excellent moisture fastness as shown in Tables 9 and 10 in the present specification. Accordingly, EP '792 does not anticipate or render obvious the instant claims.

Reconsideration and allowance is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing.

Respectfully submitted,


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